

newsletter

Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2008 1:41 PM
Subject: BCD Action Alert - Call Today for Mental Health Parity!

**URGENT**

September 10, 2008

Re: CALL TODAY to support the Mental Health Parity bill in Congress

Action: Call **your** U.S. Representative and Senators by using the toll-free Parity Hotline: **1-866-parity4** (1-866-727-4894). (The Parity Hotline reaches the U.S. Capitol switchboard, which can connect callers to the offices of their members.)

Targets: All members of the Senate and House.

Message: "I'm calling to ask that the Senator/Representative urge the congressional leadership to pass mental health and addiction parity legislation this month before Congress adjourns."

Negotiators for the House and Senate committees of jurisdiction [agree on the wording](#) of a good parity bill that will be brought to the floor of the House and Senate ([H.R. 1424](#) and [S. 558](#)); first, however, they must agree on the source of \$3.8 billion in offsets ("pay-fors" over 10 years) required under the Budget Act.

Stay Tuned: The public is invited to a parity rally that will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, Sept. 17, on the Cannon House Office Building Terrace. That is at the corner of Independence Avenue and New Jersey Avenue, Southeast. The closest Metro stop is Capitol South on the Blue Line. The lineup of speakers will be announced soon.

Sincerely,

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